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PACIFIC AND WESTERN LIVESTOCK AND MEAT TRADE REVIEW

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., MAY 21, 1948 (USDA). LIVESTOCK AND MEAT PRICES HAVE CRESTED THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC AND WESTERN AREA THE PAST WEEK. THE GENERAL ADVANCE WHICH CARRIED THROUGH FOR A MONTH OR SO AND PUSHED WHOLESALE BEEF AND LAMB PRICES \$6.00 HIGHER HAS BEEN ARRESTED. AS THE WEEK WENT ALONG FED STEERS AND HEIFERS MAINTAINED A FIRM POSITION, BUT CANNER, CUTTER AND COMMON TO MEDIUM GRASS COWS DECLINED UNEVENLY 50¢ TO \$1.50 PER 100 POUNDS.

AT THE OPENING OF THE WEEK SOME RATHER OUTSTANDING SALES WERE MADE ON STEERS. FOR EXAMPLE, A LOAD OF TOP GOOD AND CHOICE 900 LB. LONG YEARLING STEERS OUT OF THE IMPERIAL VALLEY GARNERED \$33.60 AT LOS ANGELES, AN ALL-TIME HIGH AT THAT MARKET. PORTLAND HAD 15 LOADS OF FED STEERS, WITH A PRACTICAL TOP OF \$30.25. AT SAN FRANCISCO A HALF LOAD OF WELL WINTERED 1325 LB. GRASS STEERS MADE \$30.00, MOST FED OFFERINGS BEING VERY LIMITED FROM CENTRAL CALIFORNIA POINTS. MEDIUM TO GOOD GRASS RANGE COWS INCREASED, LARGELY \$21.00 TO \$23.50, FEW HALF LOADS YOUNG TO \$24.00. CANNER AND CUTTER COWS DECLINED TO \$17.00 TO \$19.50. MEDIUM TO CHOICE VEALERS \$2.00 LOWER, WITH AUCTION, TERMINAL AND COUNTRY SALES WITHIN THE SPREAD OF \$27.00 TO \$31.00.

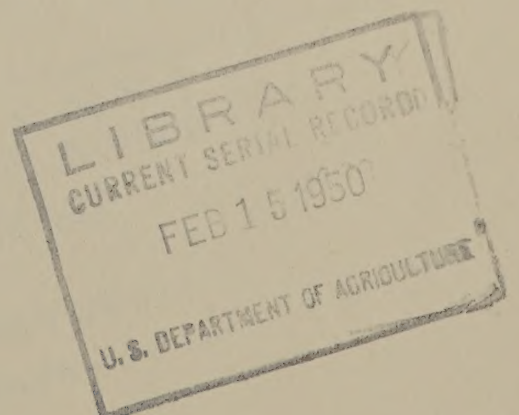
THE EARLY SPRING LAMB MARKETING IN CALIFORNIA TOOK ON A RENEWED MOVEMENT ATTRACTED BY ADVANCING MID-WESTERN PRICES. ABOUT 50 DECKS OF GOOD AND CHOICE HEAVY LAMBS HAVE BEEN LOADED FOR THE MID-WEST DURING THE WEEK, THAT HAD BEEN CONTRACTED A MONTH OR TWO AGO. LADINO CLOVER FEEDER BUYERS ANXIOUSLY SEARCHED FOR FLESHY FEEDER LAMBS UPWARDS TO 90 LBS. AT \$24.00 TO \$24.50.

PACIFIC COAST TERMINALS HELD A TOP OF \$24.50 TO \$25.25 ON GOOD AND CHOICE MID-WESTERN HOGS, ROUGHLY ADVANCING 75¢ TO \$1.25, WITH MEDIUM AND GOOD SOWS STEADY. ON WEDNESDAY ABOUT 600 MEDIUM TO CHOICE FEEDER PIGS SOLD FROM \$25.00 TO \$32.90, AT AN AVERAGE OF \$29.65, SHARPLY HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY AUCTION SALE AT ANDERSON, CALIFORNIA.

IN THE WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE MOST PORK CUTS AND VEAL WERE IN AMPLE SUPPLY, WHILE HEAVY LAMB CARCASSES AND COW BEEF WERE BURDENSOME AND MOSTLY \$1.00 TO \$3.00 LOWER AT SAN FRANCISCO, ABOUT \$1.00 LOWER IN THE NORTHWEST AND \$1.00 LOWER AT LOS ANGELES. GOOD STEER BEEF AT MOST CALIFORNIA COAST CITIES SOLD FROM \$47.00 TO \$48.00, WITH THE NORTHWEST SEASONALLY SCARCE AND UP TO \$49.00 IN A SMALL WAY. GOOD AND CHOICE SPRING LAMB \$43.00 TO \$48.00, WITH THE MAXIMUM IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST AT \$52.00.

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THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

The Bureau of Plant Industry is a part of the United States Department of Agriculture. It was organized in 1902, and since that time it has been engaged in the study and control of plant diseases and insects. The Bureau is now organized into several divisions, each of which is responsible for a particular branch of the work. The divisions are: the Division of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, the Division of Plant Pathology, the Division of Plant Breeding, the Division of Plant Physiology, and the Division of Plant Industry. The Bureau is also responsible for the collection and distribution of plant material, and for the study of the economic uses of plants. The Bureau is now engaged in a large number of projects, and it is expected that it will continue to expand its activities in the future.

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PACIFIC AND WESTERN LIVESTOCK AND MEAT TRADE REVIEW

Reserve SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., MAY 28, 1948 (USDA). GENERAL WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE FAR WEST CAUSED A TWO-WAY TREND IN THIS WEEK'S MARKETING OF LIVESTOCK. IN THE NORTHWEST, LATE UNUSUAL SPRING RAINS AND A QUICK THAW OF THE HEAVY SNOW PACK CAUSED A HIGH RUN-OFF OF WATER, WHICH RESULTED IN ONE OF THE WORST FLOODS IN YEARS AT MID-WEEK IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN. MANY CATTLE ORDINARILY GRAZED IN THE LOW LANDS OF THE COLUMBIA AND ITS TRIBUTARIES ARE BEING OFFERED ON THE MARKET, LARGELY AS STOCKERS. PRODUCERS THROUGHOUT THE NORTHWEST ARE NOT INCLINED TO MARKET MORE THAN MEAGER NUMBERS OF CATTLE AS PASTURES ARE THE BEST IN MANY YEARS. AN ABUNDANCE OF GRASS SEEMS ASSURED FOR THE NEXT 60 DAYS, AT LEAST. BOTH GRASS CATTLE AND SPRING LAMBS WILL BE INVOLVED IN A LATE MOVEMENT. ALONG THE NORTH COAST OF CALIFORNIA SPRING LAMBS ARE BEING DELAYED ACCOUNT RECENT RAINS AND SLOW GROWTH OF PASTURES. IN THE TWO MAIN INTERIOR VALLEYS OF CALIFORNIA, DRY WINDY WEATHER ACCELERATED THE MARKET MOVEMENT. ABOUT 50 DECKS OF GOOD AND CHOICE HEAVY SPRING LAMBS WERE LOADED FOR THE MIDWEST, MAKING 150 SINGLE DECKS IN TWO WEEKS.

PACIFIC COAST TERMINALS HAD ERRATIC HOG MARKETS, WITH GOOD AND CHOICE MID-WESTERN HOGS UNEVENLY 25¢ HIGHER AT SAN FRANCISCO TO \$1.25 HIGHER AT LOS ANGELES, THE MAIN BULK CLEARING WITHIN A SPREAD OF \$25.00 TO \$26.50, THE LATTER AT PORTLAND.

THE CALIFORNIA MARKETS OPERATED ENTIRELY ON SPRING LAMBS, THE GOOD AND CHOICE AT \$25.00 TO \$26.35, WITH OGDEN REPORTING 101 POUND CALIFORNIA SPRING LAMBS UP TO \$28.50 EARLY IN THE WEEK. CLOSING MID-WESTERN MARKETS WERE SHARPLY LOWER ON OLD CROP LAMBS.

THE CATTLE MARKETS HELD RELATIVELY STABLE, EXCEPT ON CANNER AND CUTTER COWS WHICH ADVANCED \$1.00 AS THE WEEK WENT ALONG, REGAINING FULLY THE OPENING LOSSES. NORTH PORTLAND WAS ABOUT THE ONLY MARKET INDICATING A DOZEN LOADS OF DRY-LOT STEERS, WITH A TOP OF \$31.00, WITH INTERIOR CALIFORNIA POINTS CHANGING OVER TO WELL WINTERED MEDIUM TO GOOD GRASS FAT STEERS, NOT ABOVE \$30.00 PER 100 POUNDS AT SAN FRANCISCO. SIMILARLY MEDIUM AND GOOD FAT RANGE COWS WERE OFFERED FREELY AT \$21.00 TO \$23.50, OCCASIONALLY A FEW YOUNG GRASS COWS UP TO \$23.50 AT SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES. THE MAIN BULK OF CANNER AND CUTTER COWS \$17.00 TO \$20.00 THIS WEEK. MEDIUM TO CHOICE VEALERS WERE GENERALLY STEADY, WITH AUCTION, TERMINAL AND CARLOT COUNTRY SALES WITHIN THE SPREAD OF \$27.00 TO \$31.00 AND SELDOM UNDER 250 LBS. AVERAGE WEIGHT.

IN THE WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE STEER BEEF REACHED \$50.00 ON A SELECTIVE BASIS FOR GOOD UNDER 600 LB. CARCASSES AT ALL THREE MARKETS, TO ESTABLISH AN ALL TIME HIGH. GOOD 700 TO 800 LB. STEER BEEF FAIRLY PLENTIFUL AT \$45.00 TO \$47.00. GOOD AND CHOICE SPRING LAMB MOSTLY \$47.00 AND DOWN, LOSING \$2.00 OVER THE WEEK IN CALIFORNIA, BUT STILL AROUND \$52.00 IN THE NORTHWEST.

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